INSARI); (a) The Government have tot received any such report.

<*b)* and (c) An export group was ippointed to study the environmental problems in beaches and to reeom-nend necessary safeguards On the Dasis of their report, the Government :iav$_e$ issued environmental guidelines for development of beaches so as to protect the aesthetic, ecological and cultural values $_0$f the beaches.

Cases of torture in police custody in Delhi

1629. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister OF HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been draw$_n$ to the report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 7th October, 1988 highlighting the cases of torture during detention in police custody i$_n$ Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the inquiry, if any, made by Govern ment into thc incidents of torture mentioned in the report and what action has been taken against the persons found responsible therefor: end

(c) what measures have been taken by Government So far to put a$_n$ end to the use of third degree methods during the course of investigations and the manner in which Government propose to reform the police personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL. PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAM-BARAM): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Facts brought out iN the enquiry warrant disciplinary action against the erring police officials. Show-cause notices for censure have been issued to three Sub-Inspectors and one Assistant Sub-Inspector.

(c) Investigating officers ar$_e$ briefer. >y senior officers from time t$_0$ time during investigation and encouragd to adopt modern scientific method i such as lie detectors, use of dog squads etc. Standing instructions against the use of 'third degre; method' have also been issued by th. Commissioner of Police

New Forest Policy

1630. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government hav$_e$ recently drafted a new Forest Policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact thai the drafted policy was circulated to the State Governments for comments and

(c) if so, what is State Govern menls' reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER. OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R ANSARI): (a) and ft) Yes, Sir.

(c) Comments were received from some States. These States had endorsed the broad approach and due note has been taken of the individual suggestions made by them

Citizenship certificates in Assam

1631. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHA-KRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS bc pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some oi the foreign nationals even after then detection and subsequent verdict by Tribunal Courts against them, challenge 'the verdict of the courts by procuring the certificates from West Bengal or from Tripura at a later date; and

(b) if so, what steps the Cei Government propose to take j$_n$ the matter?